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SUPER CHARGES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for implementing super charges in train fares,

(b) the names of trains in which super fast charge is charged;

(c) whether super fast charge is charged from the passengers of the 'Vidarbha Express' despite the fact that it stops at 18 stations in its total journey of 838 kms. and yet considered super fast train;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the working people commuting to work in the adjoining areas have to pay super fare charge @ 10/- daily which is a burden on them;

(f) if so, the steps likely to be taken by the Government to respite people from super charge; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) The trains whose average speed on the entire run in both directions is 55 kilometers or more per hour on Broad Gauge and 45 Kilometers or more per hour on Meter Gauge are designated as Superfast and a nominal supplementary charge is levied on passengers travelling by such trains. The amount of supplementary charge is prescribed in accordance with the class of travel.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d): Yes, sir. Average speed on the entire run of the train in both directions is the criteria for declaring the train as superfast and as per the criteria, Vidarbha Express qualifies as a superfast train.

(e) to (g): Passengers, including season ticket holders travelling in second class coaches of superfast trains are required to pay Rs. 10/- per journey towards superfast surcharge. Due to financial constraints on Railways, it is not proposed to make any change in this policy.